

In the Specification:

Please amend the first paragraph on page 1 at lines 1-2, as indicated below.

The invention relates to a deep fat fryer ~~according to the introductory portion of claim 1.~~

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 21-25, as indicated below.

According to the present invention, this object is achieved by providing a fryer ~~according to claim 1.~~ The invention can also be embodied in a collar ~~according to claim 12~~ for such fryer. The flange of the detachable collar shields the upright exterior wall surface of the fryer, so that this surface is shielded against soiling with fat. Since the collar is detachable, it can be cleaned relatively easily or be disposed and replaced with a clean collar.

Please amend the paragraph at page 2, lines 30-34, as indicated below.

The collar 9 is detachable as is shown in Fig. 2 and includes a portion 10 extending closely along the brim 4 and a flange 11 projecting outwardly from the brim 4 and shielding an upper portion 12 of the upright exterior surface 8 of the fryer against fat that falls down. For instance, fat that has ~~spirted~~ spurted out of the pan or fat that drips down from a frying basket or from food that has been taken out of the fat.

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, lines 1-11, as indicated below.

The flange 11 of the collar 9 catches fat that may for instance have spurted from the bath of fat 3 in the pan upon entering food therein or have dropped from a frying basket that is removed from the pan and would have soiled the upper portion 12 of the exterior surface 8 of the frying pan 1. Thus, soiling of the exterior surface is counteracted. Since the collar 9 forms a relatively small and light part that can be detached from the housing 6, it can easily be cleaned, either by hand or in a machine or be disposed of if it is provided in low-cost disposable form. It is observed that the flange may shield the whole exterior wall surface 8, but that usually most of the soiling occurs on the upwardly facing upper portion 12 of the exterior upright wall surface 8. ~~[[in]]~~ In view of that

consideration and to limit the size and weight of the collar 9, it is generally preferred to shield only or mainly that portion 12 of the upright exterior surface 8.

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, lines 15-25, as indicated below.

In Figs. 3 and 4 examples of fryers 31, 61 according to the invention are shown of which the collars 39, 69 each have a flange 41, 71 that projects away from the exterior upright wall surface 38, 68 of which an upper portion 42, 72 is shielded by the flange 41, 71. Free edges 43, 73 of the flanges 41, 71 are spaced from the exterior wall surface 38, 68. The flanges 41, 71 of these fryers 31, 61 do not shield the portions 42, 72 of the exterior surface of the fryer against soiling by essentially covering these surface portions 42, 72, but by forming an eaves that causes most of the fat dropping in the area of the wall surface 38, 68 to be either caught by the flange 41, 71 or to stay clear from the shielded portions 42, 72 of the wall surface ~~[[8]]~~38, 68. An advantage of a collar 39 69 with such a flange 41, 71 is that the collar is very compact, so that it is even more easy to clean or causes relatively little waste if it is disposed.